

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:00 PM

April

The Board held its annual Master Plan Meeting, where long-range needs and priorities for the Water, Sewer, and Fire Departments were reviewed and discussed. These conversations help guide the District's investments in infrastructure, staffing, and equipment for the years ahead. At the regular meeting, the Board was presented with a professional Water Rate Study, outlining current system needs and financial options for adjusting rates. After review and discussion, the Board formally accepted the study and voted to begin the Proposition 218 Hearing process, giving the public an opportunity to weigh in on any proposed rate changes. Other Board action included approving the CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant application to support future resilience projects.



Staff: Field Operations Supervisor Weber shared updates on work orders completed in March. Chief Lindley reported on recent Fire Department responses. General Manager Dumas provided updates on the sale of a surplus vehicle and reported that two outstanding workers' compensation claims have been resolved.

May

May was a busy and productive month for the Board, packed with important meetings and critical discussions. Here's a quick recap: We hosted two community meetings focused on the proposed water and sewer rate adjustment. These meetings were designed to create a space for residents to ask questions, share concerns, and better understand the reasoning behind the adjustments. The Board held a Full Board Finance Committee Meeting to review the proposed budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The General Manager presented detailed projections and funding priorities, laying the groundwork for the District's continued financial health. In our Regular and Special Board Meetings, the Board approved the purchase of a used Class A fire engine, an important step toward strengthening our emergency response capabilities without overextending our budget. The Board also discussed an opportunity to have a full-time Fire Chief.

Staff: Field Operations Supervisor Weber gave a rundown of April's work orders and system repairs, demonstrating the crew's ongoing commitment to keeping our infrastructure in top shape. Chief Lindley briefed the Board on the calls in April, with response readiness remaining a top priority. General Manager Chris Dumas reported that the long-awaited replacement pump for the lift station is scheduled to arrive soon, resolving a key issue in our sewer operations.

June

At this month's board meeting, several key decisions were made that will shape the District's operations and fire readiness in the coming year. The Board approved the 2025–2026 Budget and Master Plan, adopted the rate adjustment, and authorized an automatic aid agreement with the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District to enhance fire response coordination. The Board also approved the General Manager's signing of a contract for a full-time Fire Chief, strengthening the District's year-round fire protection efforts. In addition, the Board conducted its annual performance review of General Manager Chris Dumas. Chief Lindley provided a summary of emergency responses for the month and outlined current Fire Department projects focused on preparedness and wildfire mitigation. General Manager Dumas shared several key updates, including the resignation of one employee and the posting of a job opening to fill the position. He also reported the successful testing of the CLAWA connection, which is now confirmed as a viable emergency water source for the District. He also reported the field operations report showing a steady month of work orders and system maintenance during May, ensuring that infrastructure and water delivery systems continued operating efficiently.

NOTE: THE MOST RECENT FULL MEETING AGENDAS, APPROVED MINUTES, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG



ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Big News: Fire Chief Lindley Goes Full-Time



We are proud to share a transformative milestone in the history of the Arrowbear Fire Department. Thanks to generous funding from the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District's Forest and Fire Community Capacity Sub-Grant Program, the District has secured a two-year contract with Chief Paul Lindley, officially appointing him as Arrowbear's full-time Fire Chief. Chief Lindley brings more than 20 years of fire service experience, including over five years with Arrowbear Fire, and more than three years as our part-time Fire Chief. During his tenure, he has played a pivotal role in elevating the department from a small-town volunteer operation to a respected and reliable regional partner in fire protection and emergency response. Under his leadership, the department has successfully pursued and secured critical grant funding, resulting in meaningful upgrades to equipment, operations, and training. He has also built strong partnerships with neighboring departments and agencies, creating mutual aid agreements that expand our reach and improve community safety. His efforts have strengthened the department's reputation, both locally and throughout the region.

Transitioning Chief Lindley into a full-time leadership role represents a major leap forward in the District's ongoing effort to enhance fire protection services, strengthen interagency coordination, and prepare for the evolving challenges of wildland and structural fire response in our mountain community. We are incredibly grateful for Chief Lindley's dedication, vision, and leadership—and we look forward to what lies ahead as the Arrowbear Fire Department enters this exciting new chapter.

Leadership Spotlight: Ryan Brewart Promoted to Battalion Chief

We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Ryan Brewart to the position of Volunteer Battalion Chief with the Arrowbear Fire Department. Ryan has been a valued and dedicated member of our department for the past four years, bringing with him a wealth of experience from his 17-year career in the fire service. Throughout his time with Arrowbear, Ryan has demonstrated outstanding commitment, skill, and leadership in every aspect of his role. In this new position, Battalion Chief Brewart will take on expanded responsibilities, including supporting department operations, coordinating emergency response efforts, and leading training initiatives for our firefighters and volunteers. His depth of experience and calm, capable presence make him a natural fit for this critical leadership role. Ryan's promotion reflects the department's ongoing commitment to developing talent from within and building a strong, capable leadership team as we continue to grow and serve the Arrowbear community.

Congratulations, Battalion Chief Brewart—and thank you for your continued dedication and service.

New Apparatus Expands Firefighting Capacity

The Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of a used Class A fire engine, funded through revenue earned by the Department's participation in outside agency calls. This apparatus adds an important layer of redundancy and flexibility to our fleet, improving our ability to respond both within Arrowbear and to mutual aid requests from neighboring communities.

Battalion Chief Vehicle Donated

Thanks to the generous donation by DTX Diesel Tech, the department now has a fully outfitted used Ford Expedition that will be assigned to the Battalion Chief. This vehicle will be used for incident response, field operations, training support, and adds a much-needed level of mobility and coordination to our leadership staff.

New Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreement

The Fire Department has officially entered into an automatic aid and mutual aid agreement with the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. This partnership strengthens regional fire response and ensures Arrowbear will receive automatic support in the event of a major incident, while also increasing the number of calls we respond to in the broader area.

-We're incredibly proud of these developments and grateful for the continued support from our Board, community partners, and volunteers. With new leadership, expanded capabilities, and stronger partnerships, the Arrowbear Fire Department is better positioned than ever to protect and serve.

For any questions regarding any of these programs or opportunities, please contact me at (760) 514-7594 or p.lindley@ablfd.org.

Sincerely,

Paul Lindley, Fire Chief

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